

Talking Book Service Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2009
9:30 AM-1:30 P.M.
River Room

Meeting Purpose: To improve services for those requiring reading alternatives

Desired Outcomes: By the end of the meeting, participants will:

1. Receive latest information on digital transition issues
2. Recommend next steps in player distribution
3. Receive an update on Talking Book Awareness Day activities and recommend whether to repeat in future
4. Provide feedback on committee usefulness and function

Meeting Leader: Sue Walker

Facilitator: Erin McCusker

Recorder: Tina Schilling

AGENDA

Meeting set-up: introductions, meeting purpose, desired outcomes, roles, agenda review, ground rules, decision making	Erin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present• Agree	15 min.
NLS Digital transition update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Books shortage• Player distribution• Registration demo• Website demo	TBS staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present• Clarify	60 min.
Student player project	Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe• Discuss• Recommendation to proceed?	20 min.
Talking Book Awareness Day update	TBS staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present• Recommendation to repeat again?	30 min.
Outreach update	TBS staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present• Clarify	15 min.
Break	All		20 min.
Member updates	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share	30 min.
Member survey	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe• Complete	30 min.
Next steps	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List	15 min.

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Meeting Review	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List 	5 min.

Present: Pam Bradshaw, Heidi Caldwell, Laurel Day, Cheryl Duncan, Mary Ellen Halverson, Amber Kent, Terri King, Judy Mooney, Sue Niewenhous, Barbara Nolan, Dorothy Ogden, Loretta Paine, Nancy Wise, Erin McCusker (Facilitator), Tina Schilling (Recorder), Sue Walker (Meeting Leader)

NLS Digital Transition Update:

Books shortage: Due to problems with the labels on the cartridges, shipment of cartridge books has been delayed. We currently have fewer than 100 titles and about 200 copies. NLS is working to figure out the problem and increase distribution of cartridges as soon as possible.

Player Distribution: Should we go ahead and send players to veterans before there are many books to circulate?

1. Distribute players to veterans that can download; wait until we have 400 to 500 titles to send out players to veterans unable to download.
2. Call other patrons on the waiting list to see if they can download books.

BARD Registration Demo: Site currently includes more than 15,000 titles. Participants agreed registration process is fairly easy.

Website Demo:

Suggested to create a specific link to our application for BARD registration from the TBS Website. Also suggested to create answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the digital transition on the Website.

Student Player Project:

Do we want to purchase Victor Stream players or go with the NLS players? The Blind Commission gives Victor Streams to college students. Students can download text books through RFBID on NLS players with a key. It was decided to use the money for other things other than Victor Streams.

Talking Book Awareness Day evaluation:

Plus

Libraries found it really easy to participate

Libraries able to create local programs

Loved the glasses

Made advertising locally available

Fun project from outside observers

Appreciated by program users

Awareness builds new users

Delta

All scheduled in one week made participation by TBS staff challenging

How transferable is Maude to other programs?

Maude picture was patronizing. Used a sun instead for advertizing.

Timing followed summer reading

Coordinate more with nursing facilities

Built awareness w/library staff

Information received after the event

Suggestions for future dates: After ILA in October, National Book Day in April

Outreach Updates:

If attending the golf tourney fundraiser for the Lions Club you can donate money to NFB.

ISDB – Doing presentation at Parent’s Weekend.

Health Fair in Twin Falls on October 3rd.

State Ophthalmologist conference in Coeur d’Alene on October 16th.

Health Fair in Caldwell October 22nd.

Midvale Health Fair October 24th.

ICBVI Fall Frolic September 24th at the Owyhee Plaza.

Library visits ongoing.

Dorothy will send information on the Gooding County Health Fair.

Member Updates:

Cheryl – Had surgery and spent the summer with her grandson. Just started college part time.

Sue N. – School is back in session. Enrollment is up, funding is about the same as last year.

Heidi – Still working on the transportation project to be affordable and accessible. Cuts with Medicaid for home care and impact.

Dorothy – New name: Idaho Bureau of Education. No longer ISBD and not a state agency; now a bureau. Combining regions and sharing offices and cars. Student enrollment is up.

Barbara – New outreach position – most outreach is through the mail. Books in the mail – “Books to you.” Area in library specifically for those with hearing and vision loss, contains specially equipped computers.

Amber – Had the ground breaking for the new library expansion. Big Read this fall – To Kill a Mockingbird.

Pam – Monitoring rules for TBS guidelines. Library Commissioners will be touring libraries in Northern Idaho. Attending the National Book Festival at the end of September.

Loretta – Sending out letters for LTAI. Ongoing weeding. Training on downloading books.

Laurel – Learning new things in KLAS and training other staff.

Mary Ellen – Senior days at the end of Sept. Still having the plumbing done in the building. Still promoting the NFB coin with Louie Braille to benefit children’s literary.

Member Survey conducted in writing by members and submitted to Sue.

Next Steps:

Send Beat the Heat flyers to libraries and to Sue N. for student services

Send information on Gooding County Health Fair

Send Sue W. Big Read program information

Sue

Dorothy

Amber

Meeting Review

Plus

Good Food

Fun meeting

Materials in Braille

New Member

Most members attended

Appreciate open comments

Delta

Cold room

Next meeting: Teleconference meeting, Tuesday, December 8, 10 am (MST)